



Atty. Docket No. IR-3362(MT)

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PROPERTY RIGHTS STATEMENT  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

## DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Furniture Seatback Tilt Recline Angle Limiter And Method".

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in this declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

**Priority  
Claimed**

None  
(Number)

(Country)

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

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None  
(Number)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

10/691,073 October 22, 2003

(Application Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status, patented, pending, abandoned)

### **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and any foreign patent offices connected therewith.

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**PROPERTY RIGHTS STATEMENT**

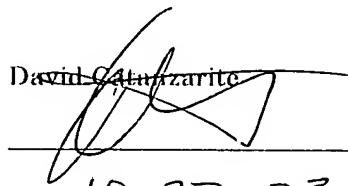
I further declare that I made and conceived this invention while employed by LORD CORPORATION. That the invention is related to the work I am employed to perform and was made within the scope of my employment duties; that the invention was made during working hours and with the use of facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services of LORD CORPORATION, with respect to the employees, and with respect to the Consultant, was fully funded by LORD CORPORATION.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of first inventor:

David G. Gazarite

Inventor's Signature:



Date:

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Citizenship:

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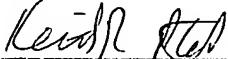
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Keith Ptak

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Full name of third Inventor: Jim Maciak

Inventor's Signature:



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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, David Catanzarite, Keith Ptak and Jim Maciak, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR", have invented and are the owners of an invention entitled Furniture Seatback Tilt Recline Angle Limiter And Method, said invention being fully set forth and described in the application for Letters Patent of the United States which has been prepared in connection with said invention, and which has been signed by ASSIGNOR concurrently herewith;

WHEREAS, LORD CORPORATION, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and engaged in business at 111 Lord Drive, Cary, North Carolina 27512-8012, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the said invention and any and all applications for Letters Patent and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that for valuable consideration, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent of the United States and all foreign countries or reissues and reexaminations thereof which may be granted thereof or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby covenant and agree that, at the same time of execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant and agree and bind our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, promptly to communicate to said assignee and its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives.

We hereby authorize and request the following attorneys to insert here in parenthesis (Application Number 10/691,073, filed Oct 7, 2003) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

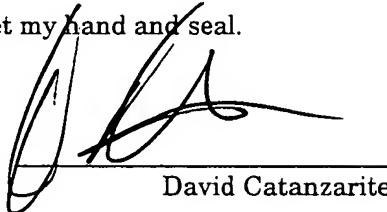
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.



David Catanzarite

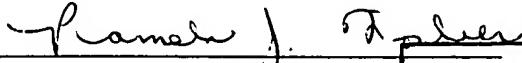
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Notarial Certificate

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania :  
County of Erie : ss.

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 2003, before me, a Notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid, appeared **David Catanzarite**, known to me to be the person described in the foregoing instrument, who signed the instrument in my presence, and desired the same to be acknowledged as his free act and deed.

  
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Notary Public

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| NOTARIAL SEAL                      |
| PAMELA J. FORBES, NOTARY PUBLIC    |
| ERIE, ERIE COUNTY                  |
| MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOV. 1, 2004 |

Keith Ptak

Keith Ptak

10/27/03

Date

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Notarial Certificate

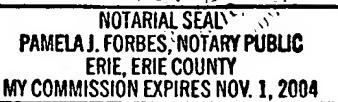
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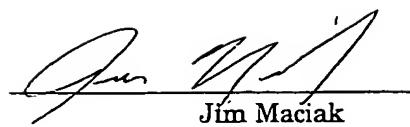
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On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Oct -, 2003, before me, a Notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid, appeared **Keith Ptak**, known to me to be the person described in the foregoing instrument, who signed the instrument in my presence, and desired the same to be acknowledged as his free act and deed.

Pamela J. Forbes

Notary Public





Jim Maciak

10/27/03  
Date

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Notarial Certificate

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania :  
County of Erie : ss.

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 2003, before me, a Notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid, appeared Jim Maciak known to me to be the person described in the foregoing instrument, who signed the instrument in my presence, and desired the same to be acknowledged as his free act and deed.



Pamela J. Forbes

Notary Public

